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DMK DITCHED

THE DMK–Janata honeymoon, if ever there was one, has come to a sorry end. The inference is obvious.

The infuriated leader of the Dravida Munnetra Kezhagam, out of sheer frustration now talks in terms of going the whole hog with the Congress (I) just to embarass the ruling parties both in the State and at the Cent e. Switching of loyalties in politics is a game which any party can play he says. Not so long ago, thinking that his party would win the esteem of the Janata leaders, he planned and excuted the much publicised Black-flag demonstration against Mrs Indira Gandhi when she visited Madurai and Madras city in October last year. This has failed to bring his party the desired result.

M. KARUNA NIDHI

Mrs. INDIRA GANDHI

TABLES TURNED

Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran has very subtly and ably turned the tables on him. MGR has won over the sympathy and support of the Janata Party to his side lock, stock and barrel. The Prime Minister has permitted him to act in films. Sarvodaya leader Jayaprakash Narayan is reported to have assured MGR when he met the latter in Patna that he can bank on him for support in all his ventures and that the usefulness of the DMK to him or to the Janata Party no longer exist.

Mr. George Fernandez, who owed a debt of gratitude to Mr Karunanidhi for having been afforded asylum in Tamil Nadu during the Emergency when he had gone underground, has now chosen to set aside his friendship with Mr Karunanidhi if such a step would help him in his battle against Mrs Indira Gandhi. The price MGR had to pay for winning over the support of Mr Fernandez was to lend all out support to Mr Era Chezhian who got elected to the Rajya Sabha on Janata ticket.

NO CHOICE

The dramatic turn of events that have taken place for Mr Karunanidhi and Mrs Indira Gandhi leaves no choice for both of them but to fight their way out from the corner in which they find themselves.

GEORGE FERNANDEZ

Mr Karunanidhi has not been able to influence the Janata government to write off the charges against him being scrutinised by the Sarkaria Commission and as matters stand at present, the findings of the report now in the hands of the Centre will have to run through the legal course and the State Government is determined to pursue it in the law courts.

Now that the most ominous of the acts which implicates Mrs Gandhi and her associates, namely, the Nagarwala Case has come up for probe by a special commission. This is the most feared of all the charges which the Centre has instituted against the caucus.

M.G. RAMACHANDRAN

The battle between the DMK and the AIADMK on the one hand, and the Congress (I) and Janata on the other are evenly balanced. On the political front the ruling parties have much to justify for retaining power while on the moral side the DMK and the Congress (I) have to come out of the purifying fire of the courts to win the acceptance of the masses.

Jawahar : A Jewel Show

THEY were there in profusion. The studded Jewellery gleamed. Bangles, earings, necklaces and anklets were glittering in the light. The art of Indian jewellers developed over the centuries to perfection was on display in Singapore, catering to about 10,000 visitors Beautiful models, 'apsaras', glided in front of the audience showing them how a necklace enhanced the beauty of the neck; how a headband called attention to the lady's languid hand.

The exhibition of Indian gems and jewellery called 'Jawahar' was organised by the Indian High Commission in Singapore recently. Master craftsmen from all over India participated. Five Models were specially flown to Singapore by the Indian Tourism Department. Highlights of the exhibition included, besides the precious exhibits, presentation of a jewellery pageant a slide show of fabulous ornaments and a film on Indian costumes and personal ornaments.

The organisations which made the exhibition a reality were the Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council, the Tourist Office of the Government of India, the Indian Council for Cultural Relations and the State Trading Corporation.

Railways assure Coal for Ennore

The Southern Railway has clarified that there was "absolutely no difficulty in keeping up the loading and movement of coal either in the Singareni colliery area or anywhere en route".

Despatch of coal to the Ennore power house, which had been "progressive y improving", had averaged over 4,000 tonnes a day in the first five days of April. Railway movement, which was disrupted after last November's cyclone, had picked up from January onwards.

A press release issued on Thursday said, "Railways have made assured arrangements to move coal to Ennore power house in heavier trains of 40 box wagons, with a carrying capacity of 55 tonnes each.

THUS SPAKE
THE MAHATMA

Not to believe in the possibility of permanent peace is to disbelieve in the Godliness of human nature.

ASOKA SCENTED BETELNUT POWDER

SUNDAY April 9, 1978

Free India

RELIEF TO URBAN LAND OWNERS

THE Tamil Nadu Government have done well to bring in a new enactment in response to public opinion in the place of the draconian and anomalous Uraban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act that was passed during President's Rule in the State.

The State Government have taken a bold step in the right direction which is worth emulating by other states where an unimaginative and rigorous urban land ceiling law is in force.

The new enactment seeks to remove hardships caused to middleclass small holders in the urban agglomerations in the State.

Most significant features of the new law are: Only vacant land will now attract the ceiling as against land and building in the existing law; the ceiling is to be based on the family size with a maximum of 2,000 square metre allowed for a family of four and more in Madras; the compensation amount has been increased to a maximum of Rs. 50 per square metre in Madras as against Rs. 10 in existing law; the area covered by the urban agglomerations has been reduced to nearly half of the present extent; and the tortuous procedure to be followed for the sale of houses is to be done away with and transfers of vacant land within the ceiling limit can be registered on the basis of declarations made by the buyer and the seller.

Though the new enactment is liberal, there may arise difficulties in its working, resulting in hardship to owners who may happen to be widows or widowers or single persons. The Government must look into such cases with sympathy.

Of Men And Matters

Future Of Rich Nations

EVERY nation aspires to be economically sound. The price demanded for this viability is quite high. America claims to be the richest among most affluent countries, yet that feeling too appears to be conditional in the light of recent developments with the OPEC countries occupying the position of being able to dictate terms to the rich Western nations, particularly to the United States in the matter of fixing the price line for oil upon which the substratum of the highly industrialised society thrives.

Mr. Robert McNamara, President of the World bank, on the eve of his assuming a third five-year term of this high office did not mince words when he declared in an interview to the New York Times saying: "In the world of the future, the destiny of the United States will more be and more be affected by the economic and social advance or lack of advance in the developing countries".

Coming as it does from a person who knows what he is talking about because, as one-time Economic Adviser to the late President Kennedy, he has delued deeply into American finance, the pronouncement needs to be given serious thought by all well-meaning people.

Mr. McNamara deplored that there was so little understanding of this situation in the United States itself. He was referring to critics in the U.S. regarding assistance to the Third World countries.

The World Bank President pointed out that Americans averse to economic aid to developing countries were ignoring the fact that the offer of export markets to America by these nations were certainly larger than those combinedly offered by Western Europe, Eastern Europe, the Soviet Union and China.

Mr. McNamara was taking an overall view of the global economic situation, the inter-dependence of the North-South countries and the efforts of the World Bank to promote a dialogue between the rich and the poor nations.

Here too is a lesson for India from what Mr. McNamara has stated. Although India's balance of trade position cannot be said to be too rosy, her export potential is far healtheir when compared with those of Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Indonesia, Malaysia or other developing countries in South America.

India must begin to share her economic prosperity with less forunate neighbours by diverting some of he exports to these countries and also part with her technical expertise in non-sophisticated sectors to the small nations who have just won their independence.

India's economic compulsion to have a larger share in the maritime trade with the West and her eagerness to have joint-collaborations with multinationals for industrial investments in the African countries and the Far East, must never sway her from spreading economic links with her immediate neighbours.

—*DEEVEE*

Reader Writes

'Involvement With God'

THE weekly feature "of Men Matters" by Deevee touching on the controversial topic, "Involvement with God", has triggered me to write this.

In 1973, display of God's pictures in our State Transport buses was banned by the Government. This welcome act relevantly fell in line with the secular character of the state as ens rined in our constitution. While such pictures are prone to distract the driver's attention, similarly dragging solemn things, like prayer and deity's pictures in public places and work-spots is neither a dignified act nor does it in any way enhance the aesthetic nature of prayer or make it more concentrated or worthwhile. Religion and Prayer should be kept in their proper dignified place. God, as we all believe to be is omnipresent, omnicient and omnipotent. Prayers to the mental impression of HIM is more meaningful than towards the symbolic representation of God. Lord Tennyson's immortal lines "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of" serves aptly at this context. This should not be construed to mean resorting to indiscriminate mobility spree of God's pictures for prayer at all sorts of places. Let God's images remain in a better place like one's home, a pooja chamber, or a temple. Above all some versatile person may even attempt to chant Ashtothram, Sahasranamam and Namavali etc, in public which in substance is in distraction laden atmosphere as well as declining to become theatrical in effect. Freedom of worship should not be converted into unbridled license of worship.

Our motto should be "Work is worship" and worship at public places should never be deemed as "Work"!

A. SAMPATA KRISHN

HEALTH FARE

HEALTH FARE is a monthly bulletin published by the Health Advisory Service, Madras. It is distributed free to those who are really interested in their own health and also care for the health of others in the society they live in.

Each issue of Health Fare carries medical news and views that are interesting and useful even to laymen. The monthly has a social purpose. It seeks to inform and educate the public on basic health matters.

This bulletin is edited by the well known Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Dr. Vishnu Sarma, whose papers on medical subjects are published widely in Medical and other journals in England and U. S. A. besides our own country.

Dr. Sarma is lso a reputed cartoonist sketching mostly on socially relevant subjects. He has also written a number of short and purposeful stories and skits.

Those who are really interested in the HEALTH FARE may contact Health Advisory Service, 3B, Nungambakkam High Road, Madras - 600 034.

RAILWAY WEEK

Special Postal Cancellation

A Press release from the Post-master General, Tamil Nadu Circle, says that The P&T Department will issue pictorial-cum-slogan cancellation at the under mentioned Post Offices on 10-4-78 and on 15-4-78 to commemmorate the Railway Week.

1. Anna Road, Madras-600 002.
2. Coimbatore - 641 001.
3. Madurai - 625001.
4. Tiruchirappalli - 620001.

A special cancellation will be provided at Anna Road, Madras-600002 Post Office *alone* on 11-4-78 on the occasion of the inauguration of the Navjeevan Express between Madras and Ahmedabad.

Philatelists desirous of getting these cancellations may send self-addressed stamped envelopes, picture postcards etc., to the respective Postmasters well in time for return with the special cancellations.

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FREE INDIA DATED APRIL 16, 1978 WILL BE A SPECIAL ISSUE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CELEBRATION OF 125 YEARS OF RAILWAYS AND THE RAILWAY WEEK.

IF YOU WANT TO BECOME WISE

By

EVALD ILYENKOV

EACH people has in its folklore the classical image of a fool, who comes out with learned phrases in the wrong place and at the wrong time. Another folkloric image is that of a learned dilet-tante who is constantly put into awkward situations by simple everyday matters because he cannot use his smattering of knowledge in the right place and at the right time.

In either case people say that such a person is not intelligent. Why isn't he?

Because knowing a lot of things does not in itself make a person intelligent. "Knowledge of many matters does not teach wisdom,' Heraclitus of Ephesus said back in the year 540 B.C. Even then philosophers were aware that intelligence is not a simple sum of knowledge, not mechanical assimilation of rules, terms and facts, but the ability to employ this knowledge. And also the ability to "exhibit the power of judgement," Immanuel Kant added. In other words, the ability to express an independent judgement on facts, events, phenomena and people.

MISGUIDED

In order to achieve this, man needs to have the treasures of intellectual culture placed within his reach in the first place. Secondly, he should be taught to use these treasures. He should be infected with a thirst for knowledge, which should develop into his prime requirement if this is achieved, everyone will become clever! Talent will become the rule rather than a fortunate exception.

So there is no reason to shift responsibility to nature. Some educators might say: "The genes are responsible!" thus soothing their conscience. But such a stand is both misguided and anti-democratic! Incidentally, some people claim that only six per cent of children are born with minds capable of performing creative functions, while the rest can only reproduce operations worked out for them by the "clever". The adherents of this view allege that examinations based on specially selected questions can help discover at an early age whether the child is born "clever" or "stupid". For some, as a result, the path to knowledge is opened, while for others it is closed. Depending on the "intelligence quotient" conditions are offered for some to develop their "inborn" intellect, while it is taught for others: All cannot agree with this viewpoint

ALL PEOPLE ARE CAPABLE

Science has demonstrated that the majority of people are born with biologically normal brains. It follows that nature offers people a potentially equal chance and everyone can develop his abilities and assimilate the experience accumulated by mankind. This is confirmed, in particular, by the effortlessness with which a 20th century child can acquire skills which have taken long millennia to develop. This ease is due to the fact that he follows a trodden path rendered safe from mistakes by the experience of his predecessors–the price mankind has paid for what it now calls Knowledge.

What in early epochs occupied the "mature minds of adults" subsequently became possible for children to absorb, as was aptly observed by Hegel back in his day.

The question arises: why, nevertheless, does an individual sometimes remain at a stage which has long been passed by mankind?

FAILS TO JUDGE

This happens because to this day the formation of his "intellectual organs" is not yet guided correctly. Educators attempt to shape the "upper" storeys of knowledge before the foundation of elementary abilities is laid. Teachers stuff their pupils' heads with intellectual food which they cannot digest. This is why the child, unprepared to assimilate some aspects of knowledge, learns them by rote. As a result, he developes a memory but does not form the faculty of judgement.

If we are satisfied soley with the memorization of formulas, laws and rules, without an understanding of how they arose and how man "unravelled" their secret, we can raise only pedants and dogmatists. The dogmatist does not realize that all culture and all knowledge are but an answer to questions which life posed, an answer obtained with difficulty and sometimes only through guesswork.

Questions, however, always arise before people in the course of arguments, in conflicts of opinions, when two sides say two different things and each supports its view.

RULES OF DEBATING

As the ancients put it: "Don't cite the name of your teacher, present your own arguments." But since the dogmatic mind is incapable of independent conceptualization of a fact or event which has provoked a controversy, such a person attempts to take cover behind a "standard solution". This leads him to follow trodden paths. If this fails, he starts behaving hysterically.

Everyone should understand that his view is not the only possible view and, still less so, the only correct view. But this is precisely what the dogmatist finds so difficult to understand!

A high level of debate presupposes the ability to see things from the opposite standpoint, the ability to ask oneself: "What if I reverse my assumption?" This is vital in discovering the objective truth.

CHILDISH INCLINATION

The ability to observe the rules of polemic rather than simply wrangle with an equally strong opponent underlies a still more valuable ability–the ability to argue within oneself, in other words, the ability to think self-critically. Without this ability the mind of one person will forever remain dependent on the mind of another, who will forever have to stand by, criticizing each manifestation of one-sidedness, the childish inclination to see things from a narrow viewpoint.

The ability to polemicize with oneself is a hallmark of a high level of intellect. A dialectically thinking individual sees all aspects of the question, even those which appear to be hardly significant. He knows that a time may come when precisely what he thought unimportant, may suddenly upset "self evident truths", "indisputable constructions".

Such a person, before he meets his opponent (in solitude), ponders the arguments both for and against his stand. Because he does not want to be ill-armed in a debate with a stong opponent, he takes a critical attitude to what is known as absolute truths.

TREACHERY OF ABSTRACT TRUTHS

The more "absolute" the "abstract" truth, the greater treachery can be expected of it and the more cautious should be the approach. It must not be divorced from the conditions in which alone it holds valid.

Man should learn a correct approach to "absolute" truths from a tender age. Otherwise sooner or later he will face a situation in which an "entirely obvious fact" will explode the school formula (copy-book truth).

2+2=4. This would appear to be unchallengeable. It is-as long as man adds together two and two sticks, two and two apples etc. But what if he adds together two and two drops of water? What will the result be-one drop or 4 splashes?

The modern physicist knows that if in the course of an experiment an "unexpected" unknown fact arises which upsets all calculations, he should

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Boost To Handloom Sales

INAUGURATING the 24th Handloom Exhibition at Egmore, Madras, organised by the Tamil Nadu Handloom Weavers Cooperative Society on April 1, Mr. M.G. Ramachandran, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, appealed to the people to patronise handloom goods.

The Chief Minister said that the government was paying special attention to handloom industry because of the employment potential, covering one sixth of the population, next only to agriculture. He wanted weavers to produce a variety of popular designs and assured them that the government would not interfere with the freedom of the weavers in this matter.

Mr. Raja Mohamed, Minister for Handlooms, presideing over the function, said that Tamil Nadu produced about one fourth of the total handloom goods. In response to a request to extend the exhibition he announced that if the sales were good the government would consider extending the exhibition for a month.

Mr P. Shankar, Director of Handlooms, said the sale of handloom cloth through exhibitions has been organised in Madras and ten other centres in the State.

Mr M.P. Nachimuthu, on behalf of the reception committee, urged the government to make arrangements for the supply of yarn at uniform price throughout the year and to supply dyes and chemicals at fair prices to weavers.

The salient feature of this year's exhibition is that only cooperative societies, numbering about 320, have been allotted stalls.

The Director of Handlooms, Mr. P. Shankar, told pressmen the previous day that a discount ranging between 5 to 40 per cent will be allowed on sales and this will partly help clear stocks worth about 23 crores accumulated with the societies.

The annual production of the Cooperative societies is about Rs. 42 crores. The production has gone up mainly because over 47000 new weavers have been brought under the cooperatives. The Cooptex has opened over 73 show rooms all over the country. Five more dye houses are being set up at a cost of Rs. 60 lakhs in the districts.

SHORT STORY

THE PERFECTIONIST

JYOTI who usually looked forward to the return of her husband Vanamali from his official tours with eagerness was fulminating in the kitchen that day. It was all because of the express telegram she had received from him a couple of days before from Nagpur asking her to remit Rs. 500/- telegraphically.

The taxi pulled up before the house and hardly had Vanamali put down the luggage on the bench, when, like a child he ran into the kitchen and threw his hands around Jyothi, who, to his surprise held him at arm's length saying, "You do not deserve this of me, if this is the way you conduct yourself on your tours".

"Oh!" remarked Vanamali stepping back with wounded pride and walked into his room in a huff closing the door behind him.

A hundred doubts assailed him. Pouting her lips Jyoti tip-toed across the hall and spoke to him through the key-hole of his closed room. "One can only get angry if what one has done is right".

Amused by what he heard, Vanamali opened the door ajar and faced her saying, "What wrong have I done? Let me hear".

Jyoti slipped into the room by his side and closing the door behind, slid her arm around him.

Said she coquettishly, "If one travels far and wide, one ought to keep one's purse securely. How is it that you forgot this elementary rule? Won't people say that my husband is a dunderhead?"

"Purse? What do you mean, Jyoti?"

"Please, don't try to be funny. Own up your mistake!"

"Jyoti! I do not really understand you".

"Here is your telegram!"

Saying this, she flaunted the telegram which Vanamali scanned.

He could not believe his own eyes! it read: "Remit fivehundred rupees telegraphically. Purse lost. Vanamali, Care Railway Station Master, Nagpur".

After a few seconds' thoughtful pause, he asked her. "You haven't remitted the money; have you?"

"Of course, I have; how else can I get you back home!" and her eyes became moist. "You don't expect me to let my husband beg of some one for his passage. Do you?"

"Don't I know my Jyoti? You would certainly have sent the money; but I must tell you this, dear; I didn't lose my purse; didn't send this telegram and I didn't receive the money!"

"What! are you saying the truth? Who sent the telegram then? The money?" asked she dazed.

"Don't worry about the money; I feel someone has played a hoax on us. The question is who did that and why?"

Jyoti's head reeled on hearing it and Vanamali had to hold her in his arms to prevent her from falling.

He conducted her to a chair and pulling another beside her, sat on it and stroked her head caressingly to calm her.

Vanamali read the telegram once again.

The address to which it was despatched was correct to the letter.

The more he thought about it, the more bewildered he became.

"Dear! Are you sure you didn't receive the money?" asked Jyoti.

"Of course, not. Why should I lie?"

Jyoti crossed her legs and sat back determined to probe into the mystery which she now took upon herself as a challenge. She was a first class first in her B.A. (philosophy) in her college.

Vanamali lit a cigarette in an effort to relax

"Dear, will you now tell me something about your journey and when you reached Nagpur?" asked Jyoti.

"On my way from Calcutta".

"The date and time when you reached Nagpur?"

"Same as in the telegram".

"Right; any one travelled with you from Calcutta?"

"Yes; two other sales engineers like me".

"Do you know their names and addresses?"

"Yes, here are their cards; we exchanged them—all three of us. You know we were of the same brood representing different companies and we became sort of chummy during the journey. Nice fellows".

"Who suggested this exchange, can you recollect?"

"Why one of them who had a bushy beard and wore pince-nez and we all agreed. The cards will be handy, you know, when enquiries come, so we may refer

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FUN AND LAUGHTER

AFTER A WEEK!

Two detectives left a police station after a day's work and walked in the direction of an underground station. Suddenly one of them stopped short and et out a long and hearty laugh". The other frowned.

"What's come over you?" he demanded. "What's so funny?"

The first defecetive sobered.

"I saw the comic strip in last week's papers," he stated.

The other stared.

"I don't get it," he said. "You saw the comic strip last week and you're only laughing now?"

The first detective shrugged.

"That's right," he explained. "I've been terribly busy all the week!"

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"There should be further economy in electricity in cinemas".

As far as couples in the back seats are concerned, they would be quite content to have no light at all.

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"Now when we cross the road, my dear," said the old lady to her friend, "don't look round, because if a motor hits us in the back it's their fault, not ours!"

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CRUSHING!

An angry subscriber, having trouble with the telephone, bellowed at an operator, "Am I crazy, or are you?"

"I'm sorry, sir" she replied in her sweetest institutional voice, "but we do not have that information".

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"No one ever died of hard work".

Nevertheless, our office boy seems determined to take no risks.

IN WRONG COLUMN!

Anxious to make a bit of extra cash, a workman asked the advice of a mate who was always lucky in backing horses.

"It's quite simple," was the reply. "I just look in the List of Arrivals in the morning paper, that I fancy, give the list with five bob to a bookie—and there you are!"

The novice followed this advice, but failed to find his fancies in the evening results. So he went along to his mate, who examined the morning paper closely and then gave a loud guffaw.

"Lumme!" he exclaimed "You've backed three Cunard liners and a Yarmouth trawler!"

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RECORD

The boxing champion was in bed with a case of flu. The doctor took his temperature and, as he looked at the thermometer, murmured: "You do have some fever."

"How much?" inquired the boxer eagerly.

"Oh, about 100 degree," the doctor replied.

"And what's the world record, Doc."

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NO NEED!

"Are you going to take this lying down?" boomed the political speaker, starting his peroration.

"Certainly not," said a bored voice from the back of the hall. "The shorthand reporters are doing that."

ASKING FOR IT

He was charged with striking a women in a bus, and the magistrate asked him what excuse he could offer.

"Well, Sir, it was like this," replied the culprit. "She got in the bus and sat down. Then she opened her bag, took out her purse, and took out a penny. Then she noticed the conductor was going upstairs, so sh opened her bag, took out her purse, closed her bag, opened her purse put in her penny, closed her purse, opened her bag, put it in her purse, and closed her bag. Then she saw the conductor coming down the stairs, so she opened her bag, took out her purse, closed her bag, opened her purse, took out a penny, and closed her—".

The magistrate could bear it no longer.

"Stop it!" he cried, "You'll drive me crazy!"

"That's just what happened to me, sir," said the man.

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THANKS!

The rather pompous business man was paying a visit to his nephew at the University.

When the time came for uncle to return to London he handed his nephew a pound note and some good advice.

"Now, Jack," he said, "be very careful with that money. Don't forget the old proverb: 'A fool and his money are soon parted.'"

"Yes, uncle," said Jack calmly. "But I must thank you for parting with it, all the same."

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Space Shuttle To Carry Indian Experiments

By

EVERLY DRISCOLL

THE U.S. Space Agency is taking reservations for space shuttle flights now for the years 1982 and 1983.

India, Canada and the European Space Agency (ESA), have reserved space on early flights. According to Chester M. Lee, Manager of flight cargo schedules for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Iran and West Germany have already made partial payments for the first flights and Japan is considering participation.

"We have all the cargo we can handle scheduled for 1980 and only a few spaces remaining for launch in 1981," Mr. Lee told government officials, engineers and space scientists attending an international meeting in Washington March 7 to 10.

The Goddard Memorial Symposium on the international uses of the Space Shuttle and Space Lab drew 400 participants from the United Kingdom, Italy, Canada, Germany, France, India, Japan and the United States.

A prime topic at the symposium was the European Space Lab, being built by ESA to fly in the Shuttle's cargo bay. The multipurpose facility will be used for experiments in earth observations, astronomy, physics solar and atmospheric chemistry, biology and space manufacturing.

At the Shuttle symposium, Dr. Arnold Frutkin, NASA Administrator for International Affairs, called the 400 million dollar investment by ESA in Space Lab a "remarkable contribution," and announced the completion of a critical design review of the lab. Frutkin added that construction of the vital Canadian-built manipulator arm to be used to lift satellites out of the Shuttle and into orbit is "going very well." The manipulator will be controlled by engineers from inside the Shuttle orbiter.

NASA and ESA will equally share the first Space Lab flight, scheduled now for December 1980. Selected as participants were 222 scientists. Of the 17 "principal investigators" chosen as coordinators of U.S. research, two were from outside the United States: T. Obayashi of the University of Tokyo and S. Biswas of the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research in India. Space Lab-1 will be an international venture with 14 countries represented—Belgium, Denmark, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, The Netherlands Spain, Switzerland, The United Kingdom, Australia, India, Japan, Canada and The United States.

Space Lab-2, scheduled for April 1981, will carry experiments of 47 U.S. scientists and 12 United Kingdom scientists.

Spokesmen from France, India and Japan outlined their countries' future space plans including experiments aboard the Shuttle.

V.S. Rajan of the Indian Space Research Organization noted that the Indian investment in space research over the next five years—550 million dollars—will exceed its total investment of the last 15 years. Indian scientists have two experiments on the first Space Lab and a communications satellite, "INSAT," to be launched by the Shuttle.

Space Lab-1 will be carried by Shuttle Orbiter No. 102, which is now being built in California. The first of its six test flights—manned launches into space as opposed to low-atmosphere manoeuvres completed last fall with Orbiter 101—is now scheduled for June 1979. Orbital tests will measure various flight dynamics of the Shuttle and test equipment for earth observations, space physics and astronomy experiments as well as the Canadian teleoperator. On the third test flight, pilots will attempt to rendezvous with the Skylab space station to boost to higher orbit with U.S. teleoperator propulsion system now being built. At present, Skylab is slowly being dragged earthward, and will, if no action is taken, re-enter the atmosphere between March and November of 1979. If corrective manoeuvres with Skylab now under way are successful, however the Lab's descent to earth will be delayed until the Shuttle can boost it higher. Following successful completion of six orbital test flights, the shuttle will be operational. Among the first satellites to be placed into orbit will be a communications satellite for Canada.

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U. S. Printing Catalogues On Show

AN exhibition of catalogues of U.S. firms which manufacture printing and graphic arts equipment will open at the American Center Auditorium, Madras, on Monday April 10.

Mr. V. Selvaraj, Director of Industries and Commerce, Tamil Nadu, will inaugurate the exhibition, which is jointly organized by the Madras Printers and Lithographers' Association, the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce, the American Consulate General, and the American Center.

Catalogues from 50 American firms will be on display at the exhibit. The range of equipment manufactured by these firms includes type-making and typesetting machinery, photographic equipment for the graphic industries, presses and other printing machinery, and book-binding machinery.

The exhibit will be open to the public from 9.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. on April 10, 11, and 12; film shows on related subjects will be held at 6.00 p.m. on each of the three days.

Mr. John A. Burgess, Marketing Director for the Graphic Arts Technical Foundation, will be available at the exhibition for consultations regarding the equipment described in the catalogues.

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THE PERFECTIONIST

the parties to one another, when necessary!"

"And on your card, you wrote down our house address—just in case any personal communication may be needed?"

'You are right".

"And how far did you travel together?"

"One of them got down at Nagpur and the other at some later station I don't remember now. I continued the journey alone."

"What do you think of the person who got down at Nagpur? Perhaps...".

"Wait a minute; I remember now. That person who detrained at Nagpur went into the Station Master's room and was talking to him for quite sometime. In fact till the train steamed off, I saw him with the Station Master".

"Do you remember his name? Can you describe him?"

"Why, I have his card right in my purse—the purse I am supposed to have lost. Here it is. Sunderlal is his name. See here. He had a bushy beard. He had shifty eyes behind the pince-nez. Yes; he looked in the direction of my compartment more than once while talking to the Station Master at Nagpur. I recall now. Could it be him?"

"Look ! Would you do this for me? You have the man's office address. Put a trunk call to his office and try to contact him. Perhaps we can get a clue," suggested Jyoti.

Vanamali at once went into his study and booked a call on his phone to Sunderlal's office at Lucknow.

Happily he got the call within a few minutes and he asked for Sunderlal.

"We have no one of the name of Sunderlal, never had one of that name for at least ten years now!" came the shocking reply.

Jyoti sported a wan smile on her face understandingly while Vanamali scratched his chin.

Not content with that result, Jyoti asked him, "Dear, let us now try the Station Master at Nagpur; perhaps he may enlighten us".

Vanamali put a call to the Station Master, Nagpur, at his residence and while he waited for it, Jyoti brought him a steaming cup of coffee which he drank avidly to drive the blues away.

The call came through and Jyoti took the receiver: "I am Mrs. Vanamali of Bombay. I sent a couple of days back a T.M.O. for Rs. 500/- to Mr. Vanamali care of your goodself. Did he receive it?"

"O, yes. I remember. Mr. Vanamali got it and he promptly returned to me the five rupees he had borrowed from me when he found himself high-and-dry, his purse having been picked a while before!"

"I see. Could you describe Mr. Vanamali?"

"Hey, what are you up to? Listen; he had a bushy beard and wore pince-nez and he showed his card on which were inscribed both his office and home addresses. Are you satisfied?"

"Perfectly satisfied. Thanks," replied Jyoti and put down the receiver.

Now sure of the imposter, Jyoti repeated all that she heard on the phone, and Vanamali bit his lips.

"Mr. Sunderlal seems to be a perfectionist, dear. He used your own card to rob you neatly with a long laddle!" said Jyoti mischievously and hugged him.

Vanamali caught her mood and joined her in a lengthy laugh at his own folly.

"Let us forget the money part, dear," cooed Jyoti. "You are back home safe and that is all I care. And for another thing, I know you will be doubly careful in future when handing your card to strangers—once bitten twice shy, as the proverb goes".

"Yes, I guess it will be a lesson of my life" echoed Vanamali and squeezed her hand. "It is worth much more than the money I have lost; thank God, the card did not do worse!" he added with a twinkle in his eyes.

—V.A.K. Ayer., B.J.

Lonely

A survey recently published in Britain shows that elderly people live in conditions that are anything but enviable. A very large number of pensioners live only marginally above the poverty line. Many of those interviewed complained against poor housing, poor transport and other services. But the biggest problem, it turned out, was loneliness. A large proportion of pensioners wanted people to chat to or for company. That is understandable, for, according to the survey, the insurance man is the only regular visitor for nearly one in four elderly people.

For The Week 9th April To 15th April 1978

MESHA (ARIES)
Aswini Bharani
Krittika 1/4

THE whole week will be progressive. You should try to develop new contacts. Financial position will be satisfactory. Minor speculative gains are also indicated. Family atmosphere will be pleasant. Matters relating to children requires attention. Health will be well maintained. Avoid long distance travel. Favourable days : 9th & 10th.

VRISHABA (TAURUS)
Krittika 3/4 Rohini
Mrigashirsha 1/2

THE week starts well. You can expect much cooperation and encouragement from your superiors. You may be given a more attractive assignment in the near future. Finance is fairly satisfactory. But avoid speculative investments for some more time. Domestic responsibilities will increase. But you can expect the cooperation of your family members. Short journeys are indicated. Favourable days : 11th & 12th.

MITHUNA (GEMINI)
Mrigashirsha 1/2 Arudra
Punarvasu 3/4

MOST of the week shows ordinary results. No major change in office. But avoid arguments with superiors. Domestic atmosphere will be normal. But children's affairs need close attention. Finance is fairly satisfactory. But avoid speculative investments for some more time. You may have to undertake a journey shortly. Change of place is indicated for some. Health will be well maintained. Favourable days : 13th & 14th.

KATAKA (CANCER)
Punarvasu 1/4 Pushya
Ashlesha

THIS week opens with chances of success in professional field. With some foresight and diplomacy you will be able to achieve solid progress. Domestic atmosphere will be pleasant. Children's progress will give you much pleasure. Health will be well maintained. Finance is fairly satisfactory. Avoid speculative investments. Health will be well maintained. Favourable days : 9th & 10th.

SIMHA (LEO)
Maka Purva Palguni
Uttara Palguni 1/4

THIS week shows mixed results. You should wait for some more time to implement your plans. Financial position will be satisfactory. Minor speculative gains are also indicated. No major changes in office. But avoid arguments with superiors. Health will be well maintained. Avoid long distance journeys unless necessary. Family atmosphere will be pleasant. Favourable days : 13th & 14th.

KANYA (VIRGO)
Uttara Palguni 3/4 Hastha
Chitra 1/2

THE first part of the week is better than the second half. You will be able to complete some of the long pending works during the first part of the week. You should try to avoid taking up additional responsibilities or some more time. Health requires attention. You can expect cooperation from your family members. Finance will not be satisfactory. You should try to curb unnecessary expenses. Favourable days : 11th & 12th.

THULA (LIBRA)
Chitra 1/2 Swathi
Visakha 3/4

THIS week opens with chances of success in professional field. With some foresight and diplomacy you will be able to achieve considerable progress. Domestic atmosphere will be pleasant. Property matters should be handled properly to avoid complications later. Health will be well maintained. Finance is fairly satisfactory. Favourable days : 14th & 15th.

VRISCHIKA (SCORPIO)
Vishakha 1/4 Anuradha
Jyeshtha

THE whole week will be satisfactory. You should continue your efforts in your official work. Financial position will be satisfactory. Minor speculative gains are also indicated. Family affairs come for closer attention. Avoid friction with elders. Property matters should be handled properly to avoid complications. Also avoid long distance journeys. Favourable days : 13th & 14th.

DHANUS (SAGITTARIUS)
Mula Purva Ashadha
Uttara Ashadha 1/4

THE week opens with a renewed emphasis on monetary affairs. Investment made in real estate will yield good results. There is no major change in official sphere. You can hope to complete outstanding works. Domestic responsibility will increase. Matters relating to children require attention. Health will be well maintained. Favourable days : 12th & 13th.

MAKARA (CAPRICORNUS)
Uttara Ashadha 3/4
Shravana Dhanistha 1/2

THIS week shows ordinary results. Financial position will not be satisfactory. Avoid speculative investments. You should be prepared for some minor changes in office. Avoid friction with associates. Partnership matters should be handled properly to avoid complications. Family members will be cooperative. Health requires attention. Short journeys are indicated. Favourable days : 14th & 15th.

KUMBHA (AQUARIUS)
Dhanishta 1/2 Sathabhishag
Purva Badrapada 3/4

THE whole week could be satisfactory. You will be able to reap the benefits for the efforts you were making for the last few weeks. Financial position will not be satisfactory. Curb unnecessary expenses. Domestic atmosphere will be mixed. Avoid friction with elders. You should also keep an eye on youngsters. You may have to undertake a journey shortly. Favourable days : 9th & 10th.

MEENA (PISCES)
Purva Badrapada 1/4
Uttara Badrapada Revati

THE week shows progressive trends. You will be able to finalise some of the important matters. Investment made in real estate will yield better results. Finance is fairly satisfactory. Domestic atmosphere will be pleasant. Progress made by children will give you much pleasure. Partnership matters should be handled properly to avoid complications. Health requires attention. Avoid long distance journeys. Favourable days : 10th & 11th.

Muscovite's Diary

IVAN IVANOV

DISARMAMENT IS A DEMAND OF THE TIME

SOVIET press is devoting much space to focus the importance of disarmament. For example, PRAVDA, the leading daily, stressed in one of its leading articles recently that the USSR attaches special importance to the successful conclusion of the talks and signing of an agreement with the United States on the limitation of strategic offensive arms and of a treaty on the reduction of armed forces and armaments in Central Europe. The main thing now is to proceed from talks on disarmament, to real steps signifying the commencement of disarmament, the paper points out. Only such steps will really accord with the aspirations of the peoples which want lasting peace and condemn the arms race.

Noting that the Pentagon and the NATO are harbouring plans of producing and deploying in Western Europe neutron warheads and shells, PRAVDA writes : "These dangerous plans, if realised, would seriously complicate the situation in Europe and in the whole world, and bring about a new qualitative spiral in the arms race".

3,000 CHILDREN'S BOOK TITLES EVERY YEAR

IN the USSR, every year nearly 3,000 titles are issued for school children by some 100 publishing hous .

Last year the Khudozhestvennaya Literatura (Fiction) publishers brought out a volume combining Janathan Swift's "Gulliver's Travels" with "A Tale of a Tub", which is lesser known here, in 303,000 copies. However, the book sold like hot cakes, as did all the previous editions, which just goes to show how popular Gulliver s with Soviet children.

The same thing happened to Daniel Defoe's "The Strange Surprising Adventures of Robinson Crusoe ". The latest edition of 150,000 copies published in 1976 became a collector's item overnight, although, of course, it may still be found in practically every big city's library.

Children's books by English authors are not translated and published here merely as distractions to help children pass the time ; the major aim is to help our young readers familiarize themselves with the customs and traditions of another country, and to foster in Soviet boys and girls love for British children's literature. And, as we know, such feelings are best developed from childhood.

He Shone Like Pole Star

By P. N. SUNDARESAN

THE hockey world, and, particularly, the Indian part of it, will mourn the death of K.D. Singh Babu, next only to Dhayan Chand in the wizardry of the stick, at Lucknow on March 27. As Babu is alleged to have killed himself with his own gun in the early morning hours in a fit of deep mental depression, a sense of tragedy adds to the poignant loss of an illustrious sportsman.

For well over two decades, spanning the late thirties and mid-fifties, Kunwar Digvijay Singh Babu shone like a pole star in the hockey firmament. Born in Barabanki on the outskirts of Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh on February 2, 1923, Babu took to the stick game, a most popular sport in his state, even when he was four years old. He soon went into tutelage under the famous coach Habul Mukherjee and worked very hard under the watchful eye of his mentor. His stick work, of the same pattern as Dhayan Chand's—sleight of hand, swerve of the body and wizardry of the stick—Babu was ripe to take the place of the Wizard and his brother Roop Singh when they both retired from first class hokey.

I remember seeing Babu in action when the Helsinki-bound Indian team played at chepauk in Madras in 1952, and faced a spate of criticism from the know-alls of the game who predicted that the team would fail in the Games. I quote from the *FREE INDIA* of August 17, 1952, from my article on the Helsinki Games:" The team then came to Madras and played two exhibition matches. They were defeated by a Madras Hockey Association XI but the champions made up on the next day when they defeated a South Zone team. However, the reverse on the first day set tongues wagging and there were many who said, with a sniff, that India had not the ghost of a chance against the growing might of other Nations. But Babu and his men, with a display that was as brilliant as ever, gave the lie direct to such statements. The victory in the final was a culmination of the other previous great wins and showed to the world that in this game of sticks India is nonpareil. And the highest tribute to Babu's men was paid by the manager of the Dutch team, who said that he had watched everyone of India's triumphs, from the first in 1928, and added that today they were as wonderful as they were at Amsterdam. What a team!"

That was how Babu inspired his team by the sheer power and artistry of his stick. He could have played in the Melbourne Games in 1956 as he was 33 then and still retained his ability to lead the attack. But by then the game in India had become riddled with politics and the play thing of the administrators, who could not tolerate Babu's outspoken manner. So Babu, like many other sportsmen, particularly hockey players, went into retirement a disillusioned man. But not completely, as like his mentor Habul he spent his days in teaching a new generation of stars. Now and then he came out with his opinion that India could not hold on to her supremacy unless it realised the growing might of the other nations and prepared itself suitably. How prophetic were his words! only a couple of days before his death India was beaten by West Germany by the big margin of seven goals to nil!

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A week earlier passed away another top sportsman of the country—Ghulam Guard. The late Guard spearheaded Bombay bowling in the late 1950s and had a great season in 1959–60 when his side won the trophy defeating Mysore in the final. Guard bagged 31 wickets and his deeds with the ball culminated the final in which he claimed five and four wickets for 66 and 69 runs respectively. Guard represented India in two tests, against West Indies (1958) and Australia (1959).

For a true stature of Guard as a sportsman I quote from the letter of J.B. Joseph to the Hindu: "A noble character wrought through suffering...He spoke to me about the communal problems and his abiding faith that sports can play a vital role in the eradication of the virus of communalism. It was not mere talk. His association with the Ahmedabad schools is public knowledge. One should visit the schools to realise not only the popularity of the great cricketer but also to understand his contribution to the cause of sports."

Lost Aims

"THE inauguration of League cricket is a great step forward, for it produces team work. Any side desirous of promotion must, in a one day match, go all out for win from the very beginning; in such a side there is no room for selfish individuals; it is the side that counts; very often naturally slow batsman has to make runs quickly against the clock, or the big hitter has to curb his zeal when his side is in a bad position. Similarly the bowler cannot afford to bowl wide merely to keep runs down; he must attack all the time, while in the field a missed catch or a slovenly throw it may easily lose a match".

This wholesome advice to cricketers were given three decades back by the late H.P. Ward, one of the early stalwarts of Madras cricket, a brilliant wicket-keeper, a hard-hitting batsman and an astute captain. If the aims set out by Ward had been kept in view there would have been no need for the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association to brighten up its cricket through gimmicks like bonus point etc. Still not too late for our cricketers to recapture the spirit of cricket reflected in the advice. —P.N.S.

Lucius Owner Surprised

THE Grand National victory for nine-year-old Lucius ridden by Bob Davies at Aintree race course (England) on April 1. came as a big surprise to the owner of the horse, Mrs. Fiona D. Whitaker.

Lucius was bought for a bargain £1,575 (Rs. 24,000) as a three-year-old. After the result of the race Mrs. Whitaker said: "It is marvelous. I can't believe it. It must be a dream—I'll wake up soon".

The winner of the steeplechase beat Sebastian V in a thrilling finish.

The withdrawal of the pre-race favourite Red Rum, who had already won the Grand National thrice within the past five years, robbed much of the glamour from the world's most demanding horse race. All the same, the excitement at the end provided considerable compensation.

Coming to the last of the 30 intimidating fences, four horses still had a chance of victory. Sebastian V was first over it, but in the last few metres of 7½ kilometres race it was the 14-to-one chance Lucius that battled to the front to land a prize of £ 39,100 (Rs. 6,25,600) for owner Mrs. F.D. Whitaker.

Sebastian V, ridden by Ridley Lamb who was leading for most of the final circuit, was second at odds of 25-to-one with 50-to-one chance Drumroan following third of the 37 starters.

Ridely Lamb, who looked the likely winner on Sebastian V until worn down in the dying moments, commented: "My fellow jumped like a buck and going to the last I still thought we might hold on, but Bob Davies just ran us out of it".

Gerry Newman, who powered home Drumroan to finish third, was another who thought he had a chance as the race reached its thrilling climax. "In another 60 metres we might have made it".

Rag Trade, the eight-to-one favourite, was among the many fallers and a leading bookmaker commented: "It was a great result for the book".

Christmas Present

Most Americans have probably forgotten all about Christmas by now. Most, but not all. An Illinois telephone company recently sent out bills for calls made under its "Dial-Santa" programme, which drew more than 250,000 calls daily for its 31-day run—mostly by children and mostly, it turns out, without the knowledge of their parents. The family of one unemployed man was billed $15 and said they had no money to pay for the calls. "The phone company wanted to make a profit and they did," said the mother of the family, commenting on the "Chistmas present" the company gave itself.

Growing Crime

Organized criminal activity is widespread in Israel and, what is more, receives some co-operation from officials, a government commission said after studying the question. Narcotics traffic alone involves a turnover of more than $ 60 million a year. Besides, 14,000 automobiles are stolen every year and 130 burglaries are committed every day. Much of the underworld's illegally obtained money the commission said, is invested in legitimate business.

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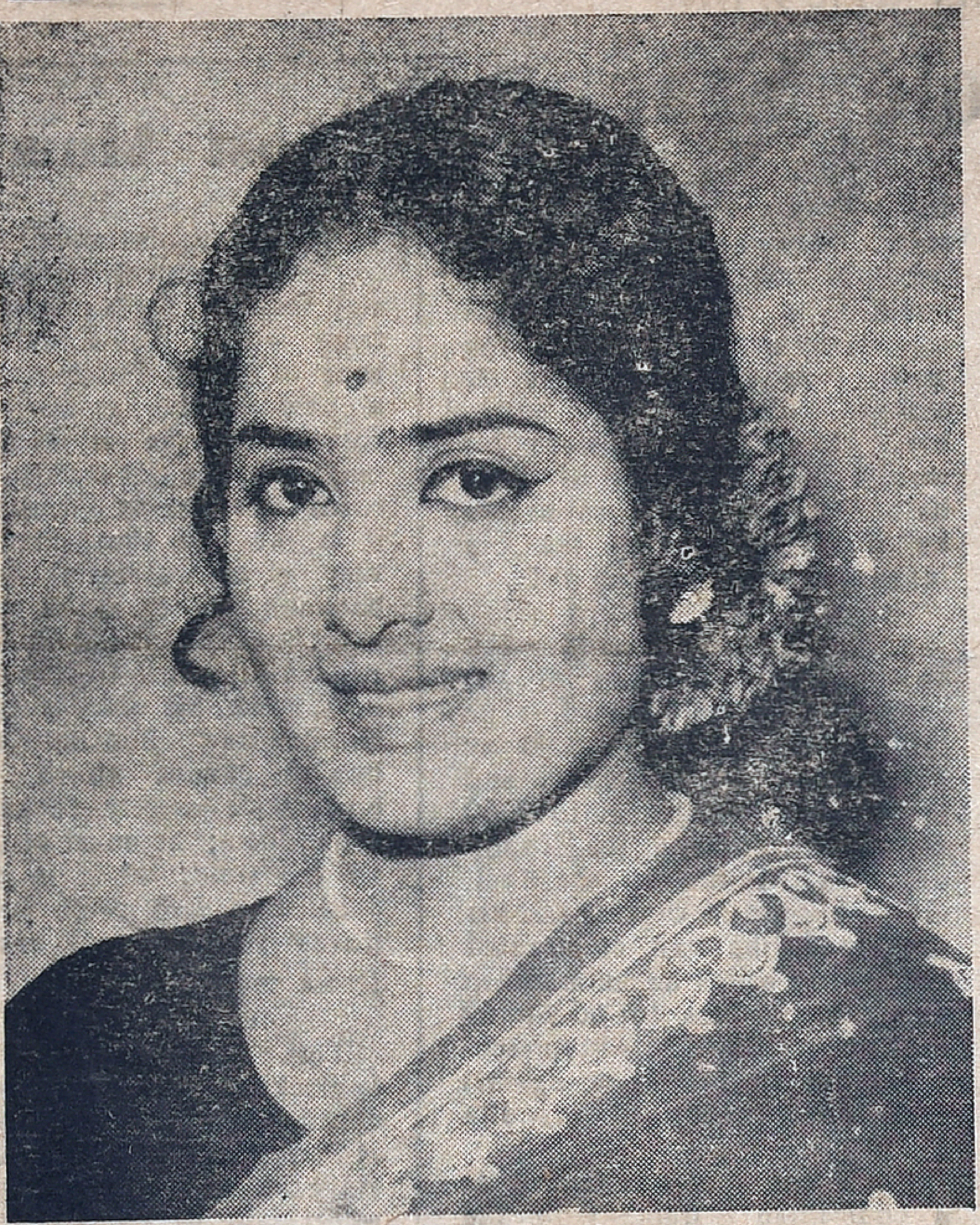
If You Want To Become Wise

search for it in order to correct his calculations. For a dogmatist, however, it is a tragic situation. He hastens to declare the scientific truth "abstruse intellectualization", instead of exploring the contradiction. It does not occur to him that his delusion is not due to the formula but to the way he applied it to the given instance.

The person who is not taught independent conceptualization of each fact is overdeferential to abstract formulas and, because of this, doomed to constant clashes with life. He will rush about between the abstract correctness of the truth and the concrete diversity of life. He will take offence at life, which develops "contrary to the laws of science" or close his eyes to facts which refuse to fit into the ready-made pattern he has learned.

So, if you want to become an intelligent person capable of using your knowledge in appraising the contradictions of life, teach yourself to fathom each general truth in the process of its emergence, to take note of how much suffering it cost man to understand this truth.



K. R. VIJAYA's characteristic smile has already become legendary. She is at present busy acting in Asoka Brothers NAAN VAZHA VAIPPEN. A shooting schedule was held at her K. R. Vijaya Gardens recently. A replica of Japan's Expo-70 fountain has been erected at a huge cost for a duet song sequence.

FILM REVIEW :

AVALUDE RAVUKAL

THE suggestive title and the enormous and imaginative publicity given will definitely draw a large crowd for the Malayalam film AVALUDE RAVUKAL. Though the film has a bold approach and a revolutionary end the theme as such is not new to us.

The story is about a prostitute. So many films have been made not only in our country but all over the world with this kind of a story. What makes this different from others is the method in which it is narrated on the screen.

Raji (Seema) who takes to the oldest profession to make a living and to rear her young brother has a soul of her own. An adept in her profession she is assisted by Damu (Pappu) in procuring customers for her. Three persons influence her life. One is Bubu (Ravikumar), a post graduate student, for whom she has a soft corner. Another is Jayan (Sukumaran), a rich libertine, a regular customer of hers. The third one is Chandran Master (Soman), whose complaint to the police about her young brother results in the death of the boy.

Newcomer Seema shows promise. With careless ease she enacts the role admirably. Soman is calm and collected. He has done his job well. Sukumaran is convicing. Ravikumar is good. Pappu, Sankarandi, Bahadur, Meena, Kaviyoor Ponnamma, Janardanan, Usha Rani and the child artistes Baby Sumathi and master Raghu have lent good support.

Vipin Das has used unusual angles in his camera work. The music by Ummer is pleasant.

Directed by I.V. Sasi it has sagging length and fails to sustain audience interest till the end.

MAARPU

MAARPU, meaning the Change, is a bold and thought-provoking social film in colour. Through this Telugu picture producer-director U. Visweswar Row tries to impress on the society the change that should essentially take place in it.

This film is a sequel to his own earlier movie "Theerpu" which was received well by the audience.

The director has used a fine technique by including in appropriate places relevant sequences from the earlier picture "Theerupu" to present his story effectively. The absorbing narration tend to sag at the end mainly because the importance is shifted to dialogues from viuals. Again the final sequences trek the usual beaten path.

Sri Sri's dialogues are good. Music by Chakravarthy is pleasing and merges well with the theme. Photography by Mohan Krishna is a plus point for the film.

As for acting all the artistes have done well. Special mention must be made of P. Pulliah who has given life to the character he portrayed. Another person who impresses most is Roopa. She has done extremely well.

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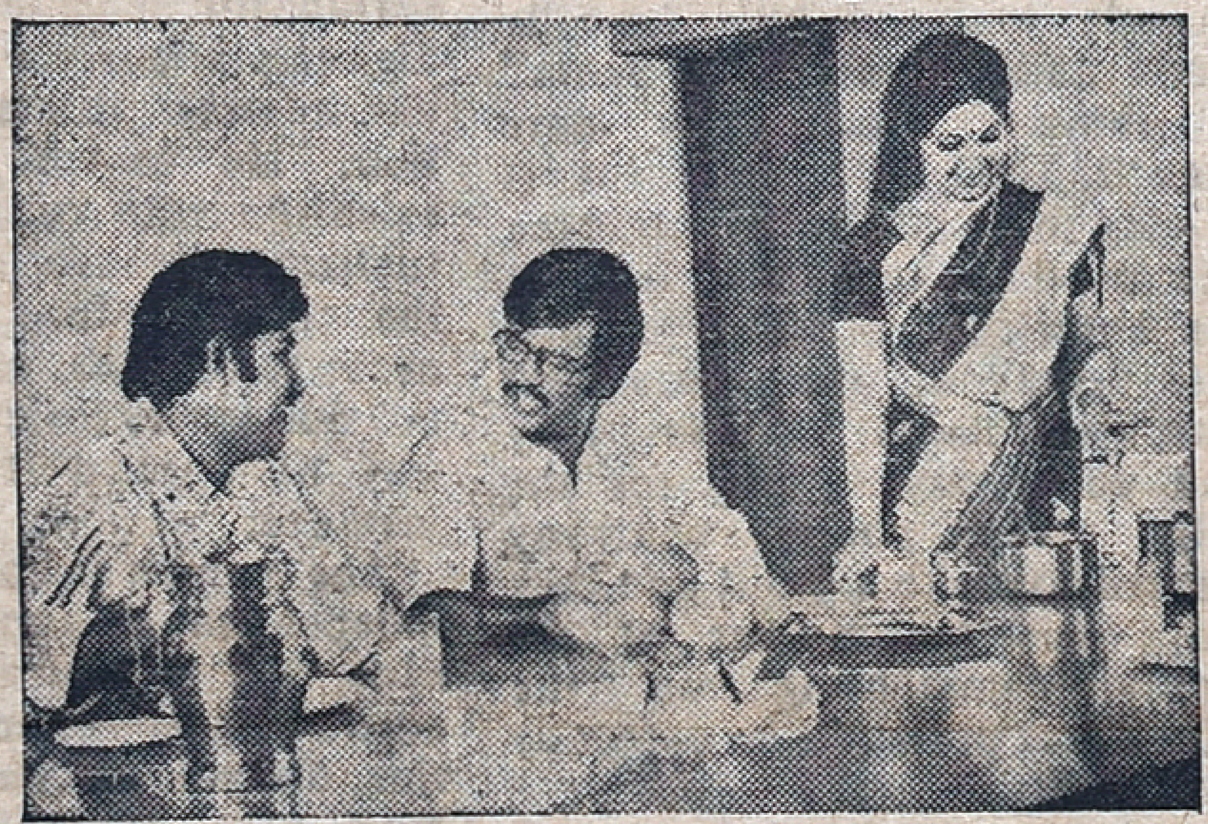

N. V. R. PICTURE'S
PALLAVI ENTERPRISES

Aayiram Janmangal

RAJNIKANTH, VIJAYAKUMAR, V. K. RAMASWAMY, SURULIRAJAN, LATHA, PUSHPALATHA, MANORAMA, VIJAYABALA

Dialogue : Mathi Oli SHANMUGAM
Music : M. S. VISWANATHAN
Direction : DURAI

Rudra Thandavam For June Release

RUDRA THANDAVAM which was successfully staged for more than 80 times in the last two years is to be made into a a film, by Alamelu Manga Productions. The film is being shot at Vauhini studios. Normally every picture will carry a message but in "Rudra Tandavam" each scene will convey a message. The film is shot in black and white. Director Vijayan and V. K. Ramasami explained these salient features in the course of a get together at Hotel Woodlands, Mylapore, Madras.

The cast includes V. K. Ramaswami, Vijayakumar, Nagesh, Thengai Srinivasan, M. R. R. Vasu, Surulirajan, C. S. Pandian M. R. R. Radha Ravi (M. R., Radha's son), P. U. C. Raja Bahadur (son of P. U. Chinnappa), Nagarkoil Dr. Nagarajan, Manorama, R. Ramani, and Lavanya.

A. Veerappan has written the story, screenplay and dialogue. Kannadasan has written the lyrics which has been set to music by M. S. Viswanathan. Saleem directs the dance sequences. Produced by R. Ramani it is edited by B. Kandaswami. K. Vijayan is directing the picture, which is expected to be released in June.

Northern Scenic Beauty In "Vayasu Ponnu"

Tamil cinegoers will be treated to a feast of the scenic beauty spots in and around Delhi when they got to see RMG Productions forthcoming Tamil film titled: VAYASU PONNU, being directed by K. Shanker.

Starring Muthuraman, Latha and Namblar, this romance-filled film, based on the serial story by Maniyan under the original title of Love Birds, will have in the background the panoramic excitement of the Taj Mahal in Agra, the rearing sparkle of the Yamuna and the soothing greenery of the ornamental gardens of Delhi city.

The location shooting unit under the command of director Shanker has captured in celluloid prominent tourist spots like the India Gate Birla Mandir, and Kutab Minar.

According to director Shanker the huge expense involved in going to Delhi to take the outdoor shots was adequately compensated by the immense success achieved by filming of of rare scenes for VAYASU PONNU.

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